

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	1823.0680001
First Inventor	Gregory L. Cannon
Title	System and Method for Counting Ridges in a Captured Print Image
Express Mail Label No.	

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 31]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages \_\_\_\_\_]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Two Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)  
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

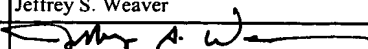
☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,002.00

## Complete if Known

Application Number	To be assigned
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First Named Inventor	Gregory L. Cann n
Examiner Name	To be assign d
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Attorney Docket No.	1823.0680001

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	\$750.00
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1105	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 750.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 34 - 20** = 14	X 18	= 252.00
Indep. Claims 3 - 3** = 0	X 0	= 0
Multiple Dependent 0		= 0

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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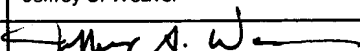
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1053 130		1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520		1812 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*		1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*		1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110		2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410		2252 205		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930		2253 465		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450		2254 725		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970		2255 985		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320		2401 160		Notice of Appeal	
1402 320		2402 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280		2403 140		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510		1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110		2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300		2453 650		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300		2501 650		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470		2502 235		Design issue fee	
1503 630		2503 315		Plant issue fee	
1460 130		1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50		1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180		1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40		8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750		2809 375		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750		2810 375		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750		2801 375		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900		1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: August 1, 2003  
For: **System and Method for Counting Ridges in a Captured Print Image**  
Inventors: Cannon *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0680001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**System and Method for Counting Ridges in a Captured Print Image**

and naming as inventors:

**Gregory L. Cannon**  
**David C. Smith**

the application consisting of:


- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A specification containing:
  - i. 22 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 8 pages of claims (34 claims); and
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- c. 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2A-2D, 3-8);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
5. Two (2) return postcards; and
6. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,002.00 to cover:  
\$ 750.00 Filing fee for patent application; and  
\$ 252.00 Fee for excess claims.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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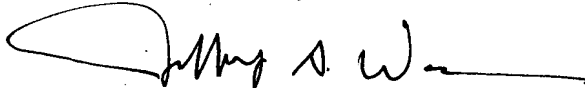
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